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## SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

## COLUMBUS

## ANNOUNCEMENT

MONDAY  
May 19, 1997

## MOTION DOCKET

97-682. State ex rel. Robison v. Kence.  
In Mandamus. This cause originated in this court on the filing of a complaint for a writ of mandamus. On May 14, 1997, relator filed a document titled "Motion to strike respondent's motion to dismiss petition." Relator's motion is, in substance, a response to respondent's motion to dismiss and, as such, is untimely. Whereas S.Ct.Pract.R. XIV(1)(C) prohibits untimely filings,

IT IS ORDERED by the court, sua sponte, that relator's motion be, and hereby is, stricken.

## DISCIPLINARY DOCKET

DD-100. Mahoning Cty. Bar Assn. v. Alexander.  
On February 18, 1997, relator, Mahoning County Bar Association, filed a motion for order to appear and show cause, requesting the court to issue an order directing respondent, George M. Alexander, to appear and show cause why he should not be found in contempt of this court. On April 1, 1997, the court granted the motion and ordered respondent to respond, in writing, within twenty days of the order why he should not be found in contempt. Respondent did not respond. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED by the court, sua sponte, that respondent is found in contempt and ordered to appear in person before this court on June 10, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1).

94-902. Columbus Bar Assn. v. Streifender.  
On April 29, 1994, movant, Columbus Bar Association, filed an amended motion, requesting this court to issue an order directing respondent, Christopher M. Streifender, a.k.a. Christopher Meade Streifender, to show cause why he should not be found in contempt. On May 26, 1994, the court granted the motion. Respondent filed a response to the court's order on June 15, 1994, and movant filed a memorandum contra respondent's response

on June 24, 1994. On July 29, 1994, the court found respondent in contempt and ordered that if he did not purge himself of contempt within ten days, he would be immediately suspended. On September 12, 1994, respondent filed a notice of compliance with the court's order and motion for termination of sanctions, and on September 16, 1994, movant filed a response. On September 26, 1994, this court suspended respondent until he purged himself of contempt. On March 12, 1997, respondent filed a motion to dissolve contempt issued by court. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the motion be, and is, hereby, denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, by the court, that within ninety days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against the respondent by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered, sua sponte, by the court that if, after the date of this order, the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against the respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), the respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within ninety days of the notice of such award.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Attorney Registration Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1).

Douglas, J., would grant the motion to dissolve contempt, dismiss the cause, and assess costs.

97-629. Disciplinary Counsel v. Henderson.

On March 27, 1997, movant, Disciplinary Counsel, filed a motion for an order to show cause and memorandum in support, requesting the court to issue an order directing respondent, Pippa Lynn Henderson, to appear and show cause why she should not be found in contempt of this court for her failure to cooperate in disciplinary investigations and failure to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena. Disciplinary Counsel also requested that, if the court found respondent in contempt, the court suspend respondent from the practice of law pending and until such time as the court is notified by relator that respondent has appeared, given testimony, and produced all documents and things as commanded by the previously issued subpoena duces tecum and as requested by relator's previous letters of inquiry, and in connection with such new grievance(s) as have or may come to the attention of relator. Respondent did not file a response to the motion. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by this court that respondent, Pippa Lynn Henderson, Attorney Registration No. 0041739, last known business address in Cleveland, Ohio, is hereby found in contempt of this court. It is further ordered and adjudged that respondent be suspended from the practice of law pending and

until such time as the court is notified by Disciplinary Counsel that respondent has appeared, given testimony, and produced all documents and things as commanded by the previously issued subpoena duces tecum and as requested by Disciplinary Counsel's previous letters of inquiry, and in connection with such new grievance(s) as have or may come to the attention of Disciplinary Counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the respondent, Pippa Lynn Henderson, immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is hereby forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby forbidden to counsel or advise or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform such services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby divested of each, any and all of the rights, privileges and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent surrender her certificate of admission to practice to the Clerk of this court on or before thirty days from the date of this order, and that her name be stricken from the roll of attorneys maintained by this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of a month, of the suspension. As part of the total credit hours of continuing legal education required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of instruction related to ethics and professional responsibility, including instruction on substance abuse, for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, by the court, that within ninety days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against the respondent by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered, sua sponte, by the court that if, after the date of this order, the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against the respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), the respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within ninety days of the notice of such award.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent files written application with this court requesting that she be purged of contempt and seeking reinstatement to the practice of law and complies with the requirements for reinstatement as set forth in Gov.Bar R. V; (2) respondent complies with this order and all other orders issued by this court; (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (4) Disciplinary Counsel files written notification with this court confirming that respondent has appeared, given testimony, and produced all documents and things as commanded by the previously issued subpoena duces tecum and as requested by Disciplinary Counsel's previous letters of inquiry, and in connection with such new grievance(s) as have or may come to the

attention of Disciplinary Counsel; and, (5) this court orders respondent reinstated to the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before thirty days from the date of this order, respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of her suspension and her consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal service elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in her place;

2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due respondent, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client, or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;

3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid, and account for any trust money or property in the possession or control of respondent;

4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties, of her disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order, and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;

5. Send all notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;

6. File with the Clerk of this court and the Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of notices required herein, and setting forth the address where the affiant may receive communications; and

7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall keep the Clerk and the Disciplinary Counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Attorney Registration Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1), that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(2), and that respondent bear the costs of publication.

97-709 and 97-712. In re Resignation of Gossett.

The resignation as an attorney of James O. Gossett of Newark,

Ohio, Attorney Registration No. 0017937, is accepted; sua sponte, 97-712, In re Gossett, is dismissed as moot.

Lundberg Stratton, J., dissents and would order an interim suspension against respondent for conviction of a felony.

97-710. In re Harris.

On April 9, 1997, and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(2), the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court certified to the Supreme Court a certified copy of a judgment entry of a felony conviction against Paula C. Harris, a.k.a. Paula Castle Harris, an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Ohio.

Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(3), it is ordered and decreed that Paula C. Harris, a.k.a. Paula Castle Harris, Attorney Registration No. 0009317, last known address in Cleveland, Ohio, be, and hereby is, suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be, and is hereby, referred to the Disciplinary Counsel for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Paula C. Harris, a.k.a. Paula Castle Harris, immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is hereby forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective immediately, she be forbidden to counsel or advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that she is hereby divested of each, any, and all of the rights, privileges and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of a month of the suspension. As part of the total credit hours of continuing legal education required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of instruction related to ethics and professional responsibility, including instruction on substance abuse, for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (2) respondent complies with this and all other orders issued by this court; (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, by the court, that within ninety days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered, sua sponte, by the court that if, after the date of this order, the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against the respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), the respondent

shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within ninety days of the notice of such award.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before thirty days from the date of this order, respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of her suspension and her consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal service elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in her place;

2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due her, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client, or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;

3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid, and account for any trust money or property in her possession or control;

4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties of her disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order, and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;

5. Send all such notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;

6. File with the Clerk of this court and the Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of notices required herein, and setting forth the address where the affiant may receive communications; and

7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall keep the Clerk and the Disciplinary Counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Attorney Registration Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1), that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(2), and that respondent bear the costs of publication.